

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

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~~memory in connection with the image. Thus, if additional information input from an external device is recorded in connection with the subject image, the camera can be used to easily check what added to image information is used, whether or not the added to image information is correct as information to be added to the subject image, and the like.~~

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